

NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section

Issue Portfolios by Attorney

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Stephanie Altman
Attorney-Advisor

- Antarctic Issues
- Biological Diversity & Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (w/Ole)
- Derelict Fishing Gear & Marine Debris
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Legal Capacity Building – Environmental & Natural Resource Governance
- Marine Pollution (vessel-based and land-based)
- Marine Protected Areas & Place-based Management (w/Ole)
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Peter)
 - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and other IMO instruments
 - Intersection of MARPOL and the London Dumping Convention/London Protocol
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Polar Shipping Code
 - Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling)
 - Anti-fouling Convention
 - Ship Strikes of Cetaceans
 - IMO “tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No-Anchoring Requirements, Vessel Traffic Services)
 - Port Access Route Studies (PARS)
 - Sovereign Immunity
- Trade and Environment (w/ Derek)
 - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements
- Underwater Noise
- Zones and Boundaries – Baseline Committee (w/Ole)

Derek Campbell
Attorney-Advisor

- Great Lakes Issues (w/Ole)
 - Capacity Building-Technical Assistance
 - Commissions -Cooperation with Canada
 - Integrated Coastal & Ocean Management
 - Sanctuaries & Monuments
- International Fisheries
 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
 - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)
 - Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing
 - Other International Fisheries Instruments and Negotiations (e.g., UN Fish Stocks Agreement; FAO Compliance Agreement, RFMO negotiations, FAO negotiations)
 - UN General Assembly Fisheries Resolution
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Protected Resources
 - Convention on Migratory Species MOUs
 - International Sea Turtle Conservation (e.g., Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles)
- Trade and Environment
 - WTO (e.g., GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution)
 - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations (w/ Stephanie)
 - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions
 - U.S. Natural Resources Laws with Trade Provisions (e.g., High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act, Pelly Amendment)

Richard Mannix
Senior Counsel

- Climate Change & Marine Geoengineering
 - Climate Engineering
 - Human Rights and Climate Change
- Environmental Impact Assessment - Conventional and Customary International Law
- International Hazardous Waste, Chemicals, Pesticides and Persistent Organic Pollutant Management
 - Basel Convention on the Control of the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste
 - Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
 - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
 - Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (Dubai Declaration)
- Jurisdiction
 - International Bases for Jurisdiction
 - Sovereign Immunity (w/Ole)
- Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution
 - UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (w/ Stephanie)
 - Marine Disposal of Mine Tailings
- Law of the Sea Convention
 - Marine Scientific Research (w/ Peter)
- London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol
 - CO₂ Sub-seabed Sequestration Agreements
 - Ocean Fertilization
 - Marine Geoengineering
 - Strategic Plan to Broaden LC/LP Purview
- Marine Scientific Research (w/Peter)
- NOAA International Affairs Council
- Seabed Management
 - Extended Continental Shelf (w/Ole)
- Statutory Authorities & Policy Drivers for NOAA's International Engagement, Research, Capacity Building, Stewardship, and Fund Transfers

Peter H. Oppenheimer
Section Chief

- Arctic Issues
 - Arctic Council Working Group on the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)
 - Arctic Council Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation
 - U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group
 - Shipping, maritime domain awareness, MPAs, environmental governance
 - Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission
- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (w/Ole)
- High Seas Marine Protected Areas (w/Ole)
 - Sargasso Sea Commission
- Law of the Sea Convention
 - Interpretation, accession and implementation
 - NOAA Working Group on Law of the Sea
 - UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution
 - NSS Sub-Interagency Policy Committee on Ocean Policy
 - Major Maritime Powers Issues
 - Related international instruments regarding marine environmental protection
 - Meeting of States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention (SPLOS)
- Marine Scientific Research (w/Richard)
- Protected Resources
 - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
- Seaward Limit/Geographical Scope of Laws (w/Ole)
- Seabed Management (w/Ole)
 - International Seabed Authority
 - Deep Seabed Mining
 - Submarine Cables & Pipelines
- Ships, Regulation of (w/Stephanie)
 - Port Entry and International Law
 - Coastal state authority to regulate ships
 - Sovereign Immunity and International Law
- Surveys & Charting (w/Ole)
 - International issues - survey & remote sensing
- Unmanned Maritime Vehicles

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Attorney-Advisor

- Biological Diversity (w/Stephanie)
 - Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction & Marine Genetic Resources (BBNJ)
 - Convention on Biodiversity
- Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning – Jurisdiction
- Great Lakes Issues (w/Derek)
 - Capacity Building-Technical Assistance
 - Commissions -Cooperation with Canada
 - Integrated Coastal & Ocean Management
 - Sanctuaries & Monuments
- Heritage (cultural & natural)
 - RMS *Titanic* and other Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
 - UNESCO Conventions, e.g., UCH, World Heritage, Trafficking in Cultural Property
 - Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law
- International Cooperation & Funding
- Law of the Sea Convention
- Marine Protected Areas & Place-based Management (w/Stephanie)
 - Big Ocean
 - High Seas (w/Peter)
- Seabed Management (w/Peter & Richard)
 - Deep Seabed Mining
 - Extended Continental Shelf
 - International Seabed Authority
- Seaward Limit/Geographical Scope of Laws (w/Peter)
- Surveys, Mapping and Charting (w/Peter)
- Zones and Boundaries (w/Stephanie)
 - U.S. Baseline Committee
 - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
 - International Maritime Boundaries
 - Implications of Sea Level Rise

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